

REMARKS

This communication is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 20, 2008. The Examiner has indicated that the pending claims are directed to six different inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Group I, claim(s) 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 12, drawn to a composition comprising a reaction mixture wherein the NS1 is protein of Influenza A.
- II. Group II, claim(s) 1, 5-8, 10-12, drawn to a composition comprising a reaction mixture wherein the NS1 is protein of Influenza B.
- III. Group III, claim(s) 13-31, drawn to method of identifying compounds having inhibitory activity against influenza virus.
- IV. Group IV, claim(s) 32-34, drawn to method of identifying compounds having inhibitory activity against influenza virus via NMR.
- V. Group V, claim(s) 35-37, drawn to method of preparing a composition for inhibiting replication of influenza virus.
- VI. Group VI, claim(s) 38-42, drawn to method of identifying compounds having inhibitory activity against influenza virus via crystallography.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 12, without traverse. Upon entry of this response, claims 1-42 are pending. Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 12 are directed to the elected invention.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request that any questions concerning this matter be directed to the undersigned at (609) 844-3020. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Applicants also authorizes the charge of any deficiency and/or the credit of any overpayment to deposit account 50-1943.

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